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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a(n): ☒ Utility ☐ Design

() original patent application,

() continuation-in-part application

INVENTOR(S): **Kevin Michael Goodwin**

TITLE: **SWITCHING I/O STATES FOR VOLUME WITHOUT COMPLETING TEARING DOWN STACK**

Enclosed are:

(X) The Declaration and Power of Attorney. **(X)** signed () unsigned or partially signed

(X) 19 sheets of drawings (one set) () Associate Power of Attorney

() Form PTO-1449 () Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449

() Priority document(s) (X) (Other) *Copend. Ltr. & Inv. Info.* (fee \$)

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NEW APPLICATION
Atty. Docket No. 200208943-1

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin M. Goodwin

Application No.: **NEW** Group: Not Assigned

Filed: January 30, 2004 Examiner: Not Assigned

For: Switching I/O States for Volume Without
Completely Tearing Down Stack

LETTER REGARDING CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

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January 30, 2004

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised
of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

| Attorney Docket No. | Title | Filing Date | Group |
|---------------------|---|-------------|------------|
| 200208944-1 | Blocking Access by Preventing Completion of Volume Mount Request | 1/30/2004 | Unassigned |
| 200208943-1 ** | Switching I/O States for Volume Without Completely Tearing Down Stack | 1/30/2004 | Unassigned |
| 200208937-1 | Selectively Establishing Read-Only Access to Volume | 1/30/2004 | Unassigned |
| 200208947-1 | Forestalling Actions that Otherwise Would Defeat Access-Control Mechanism for Volume | 1/30/2004 | Unassigned |
| 200208949-1 | Forestalling Use of Duplicate Volume Identifiers | 1/30/2004 | Unassigned |

**** Present Application**

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents or otherwise publish, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

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Respectfully submitted,

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